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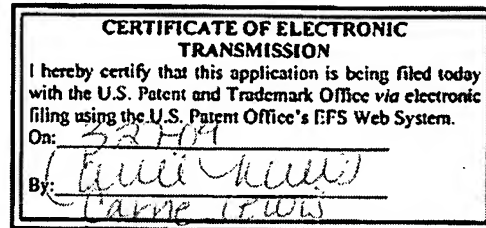
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In re Application of: Anthony Bruce Pike

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RULE 132 DECLARATION

Sir:

John Barnes, declares and states that:

I. I hold a Doctorate of Philosophy in the mechanics of fracture of materials that I received in 1986 from the University of Cambridge, where I studied materials science from 1984 to 1986.

2. I am currently employed with INVISTA Textiles (UK) Ltd., (formerly DuPont Textiles & Interiors) at their United Kingdom office in Brockworth, Gloucestershire. INVISTA is an integrated fibers and polymers business headquartered in the United States. I currently hold the position of Regional Business Director, which I have held for 6 months, and have held previous positions as Global End Use Technology Leader for 4 years, and European End Use Technology Leader for 11 years.

3. I am familiar with pending U.S. Patent Application 10/561,752 filed January 26, 2006, identifying Anthony Bruce Pike (hereinafter "Mr. Pike") as the sole inventor that is assigned to APA Parafriacta Limited (hereinafter "the '752 Application"), which claims priority to International Patent Application Serial Number PCT/GB04/02740 filed June 24, 2004 that claims priority to Great Britain Application Serial Number GB 03146594 filed June 24, 2003 (hereinafter "Priority Date"). The aforementioned applications and invention or inventions disclosed therein will hereinafter collectively be referred to as "the Pike Invention".

4. I am familiar with various fabrics and medical protection sheeting both through my formal education identified above and through the scope of my employment and various positions held in industry over the past 15 years. As a result, I consider myself to be one of at least ordinary skill in the art, relating the disclosure of the '752 Application at the time of the invention or inventions disclosed therein.

5. I have personal knowledge through the scope of my employment with Invista and DuPont that the materials disclosed in the Application identified by DuPont product numbers T743, T749, and 98WexU4 (hereinafter collectively "DuPont Products") were not commercially available in products related to the Pike Invention prior to the Priority Date .

6. Prior to the Priority Date, I had a confidential working relationship with Mr. Pike on various engineering projects and developments. At the request of Mr. Pike, I orally agreed in confidence to provide samples of material to Mr. Pike for him to have performed experimental testing on the properties of static and dynamic coefficients of friction of the DuPont Products.

7. I have personal knowledge through the scope of my employment with INVISTA and DuPont and as one of ordinary skill in the art that the DuPont Products were not known to be used as medical protection sheeting prior to the Priority Date.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the instant application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted.

Dated: 10 March 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Barnes', written over a horizontal line.

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